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Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart

ASTOR of Corpus Christi Church and Vicar General of the Diocese of Rochester, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William M. Hart, Ph.D., S.T.L., LL.D., has given outstanding service to the Church and people of the diocese. He was the first and only Vicar Capitular which this diocese has had—named to administer its affairs through election by the Diocesan Board of Consultors on May 23, 1933, following the death of the Most Reverend John Francis Bishop of Rochester. He filled this office again when the diocese became vacant upon the departure of Archbishop Mooney to Detroit. A native of Rochester, Monsignor Hart was pastor of St. Bridget's School, St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries. Ordained in 1916, he was assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, June 24, 1916. Two years later he was assigned to Corpus Christi Church in Rochester as assistant pastor. The Most Reverend Bishop of Rochester, made him Vice-Chancellor of the diocese and his appointment as Vicar General to Bishop O'Hern, and pastor of Corpus Christi Church in 1929, and in August of that year Pope Pius XI elevated him to Monsignor. Monsignor Hart is profoundly interested in the Catholic Courier, of which he is a constant medium through which it is enabled to

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